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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:

Michael TSCHÖPE et al

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For: LIQUID INTERFERON-& FORMULATIONS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 to 5" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 to 6" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 and 3 to 8" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 to 10" and insert therefor --claim 1--. ¿

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 to 11" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 13, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 to 12" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 to 13" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 14" and insert therefor --claim

1--.

Claim 16, line 1, delete "or 15".

**FORM PTO-1390** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. (REV 5-93) PATENT AND TRANSPORT (OFFICE P100564-00002 · TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DATE: May 26, 2000 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 U.S. APPLN. NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 CFR 1.5) 09/508,510 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/EP98/06065 23 September 1998 23 September 1997 TITLE OF INVENTION: LIQUID INTERFERON-B FORMULATIONS

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- This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. (THE BASIC FILING FEE IS ATTACHED)
- 2. XX This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 3. \_ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT articles 22 and 39(1).
- 4. \_ A proper demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. \_ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. \_ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. \_ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- 6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- 7. \_ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. \_ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. \_ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
    - c. \_ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
    - d. \_ have not been made and will not be made.
- A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 9. XX An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 10. XX A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. \_ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. XX An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. XX A FIRST preliminary amendment.
  - A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14. A substitute specification.
- 15. XX A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 16. \_ Other items or information: CHECK NO. 29 B\35

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